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Your Reference: 09/707,167
Our Reference: 9369-161

The Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231
U.S.A.

Dear Sirs:

Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/707,167
Filed: November 7, 2000
Title: Oil Bodies and Associated Proteins as Affinity Matrices
Inventors: Maurice Moloney, Joseph Boothe and Gijs van Rooijen
Art Unit: 1653
Examiner: Samuel W. Liu

The present letter is filed in response to the office action dated August 29, 2002. We enclose a petition for a three month extension of time rendering the deadline for reply February 28, 2003.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph on page 8, lines 20-29 as follows:

01 --Figure 16. A western blot illustrating the binding of horseradish peroxidase (HRP) conjugated mouse anti-rabbit antibodies to oil body protein extracts obtained from transgenic *B. napus* lines expressing oleosin-protein A fusion proteins. Shown on

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